INSTRUCTION MANUAL FOR

BLUED & STAINLESS STEEL

CALIBERS .41, .44 Magnum & .45LC

RUGER® REDHAWK®

DOUBLE-ACTION REVOLVERS

READ THE INSTRUCTIONS AND WARNINGS IN THIS MANUAL CAREFULLY BEFORE USING THIS FIREARM

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THIS INSTRUCTION MANUAL SHOULD ALWAYS ACCOMPANY THIS FIREARM AND BE TRANSFERRED WITH IT UPON CHANGE OF OWNERSHIP, OR WHEN THE FIREARM IS LOANED OR PRESENTED TO ANOTHER PERSON.

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State-By-State Warnings

Certain states require by law that their own specified warning notices in larger-than-normal type be conspicuously included by the manufacturer, distributor, or retail dealer with firearms sold in that state. Sturm, Ruger sells its products in compliance with applicable laws and regulations. Because our products may be sold in these states, we include the following:

California:

⚠ WARNING	⚠ ADVERTENCIA
"Children are attracted to and can operate firearms that can cause severe injuries or death. Prevent child access by always keeping guns locked away and unloaded when not in use. If you keep a loaded firearm where a child obtains and improperly uses it, you can be fined or sent to prison."	"A los niños los atraen las armas de fuego y las pueden hacer funcionar. Ellos pueden causarse lesions graves y la muerte. Evite que los niños tengan accesso a las armas de fuego guardándolas siempre con llave y descargadas cuando no las esté utilizando. Si usted tiene un arma de fuego cargada en un lugar en que un niño tiene acceso a ella y la usa indebidamente, le pueden dar una multa o enviarlo a la carcel."

Connecticut:

"UNLAWFUL STORAGE OF A LOADED FIREARM MAY RESULT IN IMPRISONMENT OR FINE."

Florida:

"IT IS UNLAWFUL, AND PUNISHABLE BY IMPRISONMENT AND FINE, FOR ANY ADULT TO STORE OR LEAVE A FIREARM IN ANY PLACE WITHIN THE REACH OR EASY ACCESS OF A MINOR UNDER 18 YEARS OF AGE OR TO KNOWINGLY SELL OR OTHERWISE TRANSFER OWNERSHIP OR POSSESSION OF A FIREARM TO A MINOR OR A PERSON OF UNSOUND MIND."

Maine:

"ENDANGERING THE WELFARE OF A CHILD IS A CRIME. IF YOU LEAVE A FIREARM AND AMMUNITION WITHIN EASY ACCESS OF A CHILD, YOU MAY BE SUBJECT TO FINE, IMPRISONMENT OR BOTH. KEEP FIREARMS AND AMMUNITION SEPARATE. KEEP FIREARMS AND AMMUNITION LOCKED UP. USE TRIGGER LOCKS."

Maryland:

"WARNING: Children can operate firearms which may cause death or serious injury. It is a crime to store or leave a loaded firearm in any location where an individual knew or should have known that an unsupervised minor would gain access to the firearm. Store your firearm responsibly!"

Massachusetts:

"WARNING FROM THE MASSACHUSETTS ATTORNEY GENERAL: This handgun is not equipped with a device that fully blocks use by unauthorized users. More than 200,000 firearms like this one are stolen from their owners every year in the United States. In addition, there are more than a thousand suicides each year by younger children and teenagers who get access to firearms. Hundreds more die from accidental discharge. It is likely that many more children sustain serious wounds, or inflict such wounds accidentally on others. In order to limit the chance of such misuse, it is imperative that you keep this weapon locked in a secure place and take other steps necessary to limit the possibility of theft or accident. Failure to take reasonable preventive steps may result in innocent lives being lost, and in some circumstances may result in your liability for these deaths."

"IT IS UNLAWFUL TO STORE OR KEEP A FIREARM, RIFLE, SHOTGUN OR MACHINE GUN IN ANY PLACE UNLESS THAT WEAPON IS EQUIPPED WITH A TAMPER-RESISTANT SAFETY DEVICE OR IS STORED OR KEPT IN A SECURELY LOCKED CONTAINER."

New Jersey:

"IT IS A CRIMINAL OFFENSE TO LEAVE A LOADED FIREARM WITHIN EASY ACCESS OF A MINOR."

New York City:

"THE USE OF A LOCKING DEVICE OR SAFETY LOCK IS ONLY ONE ASPECT OF RESPONSIBLE WEAPONS STORAGE. ALL WEAPONS SHOULD BE STORED UNLOADED AND LOCKED IN A LOCATION THAT IS BOTH SEPARATE FROM THEIR AMMUNITION AND INACCESSIBLE TO CHILDREN AND ANY OTHER UNAUTHORIZED PERSONS."

North Carolina:

"IT IS UNLAWFUL TO STORE OR LEAVE A FIREARM THAT CAN BE DISCHARGED IN A MANNER THAT A REASONABLE PERSON SHOULD KNOW IS ACCESSIBLE TO A MINOR."

Texas:

"IT IS UNLAWFUL TO STORE, TRANSPORT, OR ABANDON AN UNSECURED FIREARM IN A PLACE WHERE CHILDREN ARE LIKELY TO BE AND CAN OBTAIN ACCESS TO THE FIREARM."

Wisconsin:

"IF YOU LEAVE A LOADED FIREARM WITHIN THE REACH OR EASY ACCESS OF A CHILD YOU MAY BE FINED OR IMPRISONED OR BOTH IF THE CHILD IMPROPERLY DISCHARGES, POSSESSES, OR EXHIBITS THE FIREARM."

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Please check with your licensed retailer or state police for additional warnings which may be required by local law or regulation. Such regulations change constantly, and local authorities are in the best position to advise you on such legal matters.

WHY ARE WE INCLUDING A FIRED CARTRIDGE CASE WITH EVERY RUGER PISTOL AND REVOLVER?

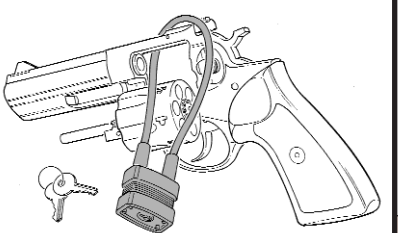
Certain states and jurisdictions now require that all newly manufactured pistols and revolvers must be accompanied by a cartridge case, which has been test fired from that gun at the factory. The case must be placed in a sealed container bearing certain information concerning this test cartridge.

At the time of retail sale in those jurisdictions, firearms dealers must forward such test cartridge to a designated destination such as their State Police Laboratory. As independent Ruger Distributors have nationwide markets without territorial restrictions, we have decided to include a fired cartridge case with all new Ruger pistols and revolvers, to minimize the possibility of inadvertent non-compliance with these laws.

Retail customers located in other states, where laws or regulations do not require the dealer to so act, may be assured that the fired cartridge case they receive with the firearm at the time of retail purchase is proof that your new Ruger firearm has undergone our normal test firing procedures during manufacture.

⚠ WARNING – LOCKING DEVICES

DO NOT INSTALL
INSIDE TRIGGER GUARD



INSTALL LOCK
AS SHOWN HERE

This firearm was originally sold with a key-operated locking device. While it can help provide secure storage for your unloaded firearm, any locking device can fail. All guns are designed to fire if they are loaded and the trigger is pulled. Therefore, never install the locking device inside the trigger guard or in any way that it can possibly pull the trigger! Do not leave the keys in the lock.

The ultimate responsibility for secure storage of any firearm must depend upon its owner and his or her individual circumstances. **Guns should be securely stored unloaded, in a secure location, separate from their ammunition.**

See “Storage Warning”, page 22.

NEVER INSTALL
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INSIDE TRIGGER GUARD

FIREARMS SAFETY-YOUR RESPONSIBILITY

SAFETY MUST BE THE FIRST AND CONSTANT CONSIDERATION OF EVERY PERSON WHO HANDLES FIREARMS AND AMMUNITION.

This Instruction Manual is designed to assist you in learning how to use and care for your ***RUGER® REDHAWK®*** revolver properly.

Only when you are certain you fully understand the Manual and can properly carry out its instructions should you practice loading, unloading, etc. with live ammunition. If you have any doubts about your ability to handle or use a particular type of gun safely, then you should seek supervised instruction. Such personalized instruction is often available from gun dealers, gun clubs or police departments. If none of these sources can help you, write to the National Rifle Association, 11250 Waples Mill Road, Fairfax, VA 22030-7400. They will put you in touch with a source of personalized instruction.

The person possessing a gun has a full-time job. You cannot guess; you cannot forget. You must know how to use your firearm safely. Do not use any firearm without having a complete understanding of its particular characteristics and safe use. Remember: There is no such thing as a foolproof gun.

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FIREARMS ARE DANGEROUS WEAPONS–

READ THE INSTRUCTIONS AND WARNINGS IN THIS MANUAL THOROUGHLY AND CAREFULLY BEFORE USING.

WARNING–ALTERATIONS

This product was designed to function properly in its original condition. Alterations can make it unsafe. Do not alter any part or add or substitute parts or accessories not made by Sturm, Ruger & Co. Inc.

DO NOT ALTER ANY GUN

GENERAL INFORMATION AND MECHANICAL CHARACTERISTICS

The ***RUGER® REDHAWK®*** revolver is a double-action firearm which is specifically designed for heavy Magnum cartridges and embodies many advanced features. The crane and cylinder assembly of the ***REDHAWK®*** revolver locks directly into the frame, both at the rear of the cylinder and at the front of the crane. The ejector rod serves as an ejector - it does not rotate with the cylinder. The hammer and trigger are powered by opposite ends of the same coil spring which is in the frame behind the trigger. The components which link the trigger and hammer to this spring transmit spring energy with minimum friction loss. All of this mechanism is

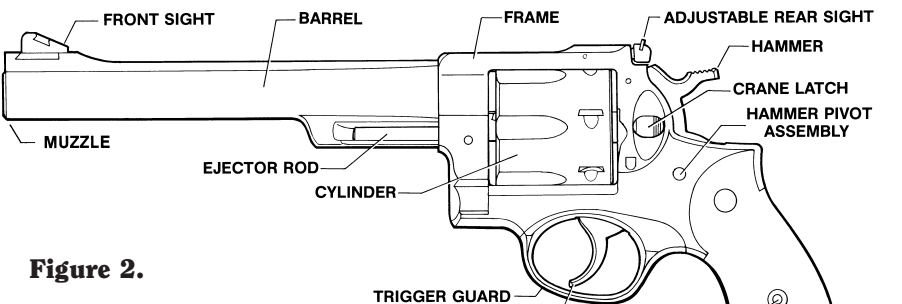
readily removable without tools and dismantles, along with the cylinder/crane group, into a small number of subassemblies for inspection and cleaning (See Figure 1 and Figure 2, below).

The internal parts are installed either through the top or bottom of the grip-frame; therefore, *no side plate* is needed. The resulting *double* solid frame contributes greatly to the extraordinary strength and reliability of these revolvers.

The ***RUGER® REDHAWK®*** revolver has a transfer bar which is connected directly to the trigger. The transfer bar - which is raised into firing position as the trigger is pulled to the rear - transmits the energy of the hammer blow to the firing pin. The transfer-bar safety system provides that the hammer blow can be transmitted to the firing pin only when the trigger is pulled all the way to the rear. This is a positive internal safety feature.

NOMENCLATURE

Figure 1.



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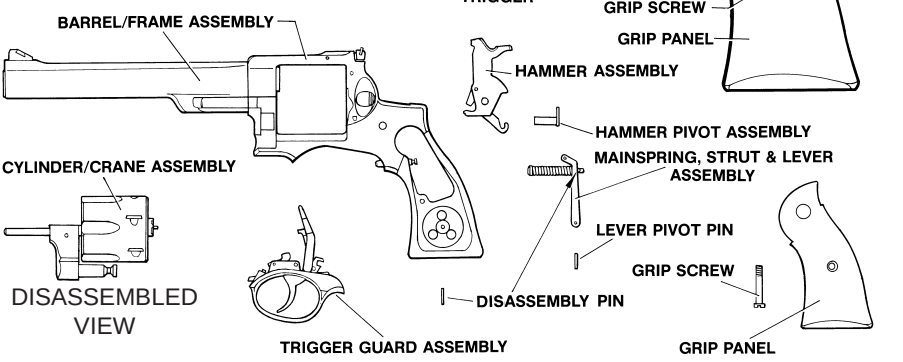


Despite their many highly desirable features, Ruger revolvers–as with all firearms–must at all times be handled with strict attention to correct safety practices, and be inspected frequently to assure the gun is working properly.

WARNING – LEAD EXPOSURE

Discharging firearms in poorly ventilated areas, cleaning firearms, or handling ammunition may result in exposure to lead and other substances known to the state of California to cause birth defects, reproductive harm, and other serious physical injury. Have adequate ventilation at all times. Wash hands thoroughly after exposure.

SHOOTING OR CLEANING GUNS MAY EXPOSE YOU TO LEAD

AMMUNITION

RUGER® REDHAWK® revolvers are marked on the barrel with the name of the cartridge for which the revolver is chambered. Revolvers marked for the .44 Magnum cartridge will chamber the .44 Rem. Magnum cartridge and the .44 S&W Special cartridge. Revolvers marked for the .45 Colt cartridge will chamber only .45 ("Long") Colt ammunition. Caliber .45ACP (Automatic Colt Pistol) ammunition should not be used in these revolvers. Revolvers marked for the .357 Magnum cartridge will chamber the .357 Magnum cartridge and the .38 Special cartridge. Revolvers marked for the .41 Magnum cartridge will chamber the .41 Remington Magnum cartridge only. Do not use .41 Colt cartridges in these revolvers. Ruger revolvers are designed for use with cartridges of the correct caliber which are manufactured in accordance with the U.S. Industry Standards. Be certain to use proper cartridges of the correct caliber. See "Care and Cleaning", p. 20 for important information on chamber cleaning.

WARNING – AMMUNITION

Death, serious injury, and damage can result from the use of wrong ammunition, bore obstructions, powder overloads, or incorrect cartridge components. Always wear shooting glasses and hearing protectors.

IMPROPER AMMUNITION DESTROYS GUNS

AMMUNITION (CARTRIDGES) NOTICE

WE SPECIFICALLY DISCLAIM RESPONSIBILITY FOR ANY DAMAGE OR INJURY WHATSOEVER OCCURRING IN CONNECTION WITH, OR AS THE RESULT OF, THE USE IN THE REDHAWK REVOLVER OF FAULTY, OR NON-STANDARD, OR "RE-MANUFACTURED", OR HAND LOADED (RELOADED) AMMUNITION, OR OF CARTRIDGES OTHER THAN THOSE FOR WHICH THE FIREARM WAS ORIGINALLY CHAMBERED.

HANDLING

CARRYING: The Redhawk revolver can be carried with all chambers loaded. When the hammer and trigger are fully forward, the transfer-bar is lowered out of its firing position and the hammer rests directly on the frame.

WARNING – HANDLING

If the trigger is held to the rear, the gun can fire if the hammer strikes the transfer bar. Note that it need not be a deliberate effort to pull the trigger. Any situation where the trigger attains its rearward position and permits the transfer bar to be interposed between the hammer and the firing pin can cause the cartridge under the firing pin to discharge.

NEVER DROP OR STRIKE THE REVOLVER – COCKED OR UNCOCKED CARRY AND HANDLE THE REVOLVER IN SUCH A MANNER THAT THE HAMMER AND TRIGGER WILL NOT BE STRUCK.

NEVER CARRY ANY REVOLVER WITH THE HAMMER COCKED OR THE TRIGGER HELD TO THE REAR

DRY-FIRING

"Dry Firing" is practicing the trigger pull of the empty revolver for practice and familiarity. The Redhawk revolver can be dry-fired without damage to the firing pin or internal components.

Be sure that the revolver is unloaded before handling. Be sure you always point the revolver in a safe direction, even when dry-firing for practice. Do not dry-fire the revolver with the plastic 'safety disc' on the cylinder.

TO LOAD AND FIRE

Be sure the revolver is pointed in a safe direction and is never cocked while loading.

1. Press the crane latch and guide cylinder out of frame to the left to its loading position (See Figure 3).

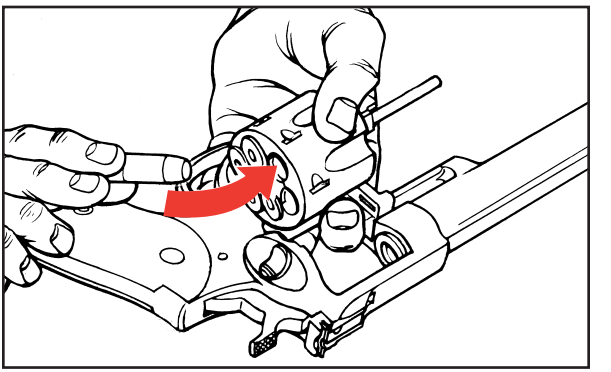


FIGURE 3 LOADING THE REVOLVER.

⚠ WARNING – CYLINDER INTERLOCK

When correctly operated, the cylinder cannot be opened when the hammer is cocked, and the hammer/trigger mechanism is not able to be operated until the cylinder is locked shut. However, this safety interlock can be intentionally defeated if the crane latch is depressed and the hammer is then cocked while the cylinder is opened. If the cylinder is then shut when the hammer is cocked, the hammer may fall and the gun may fire.

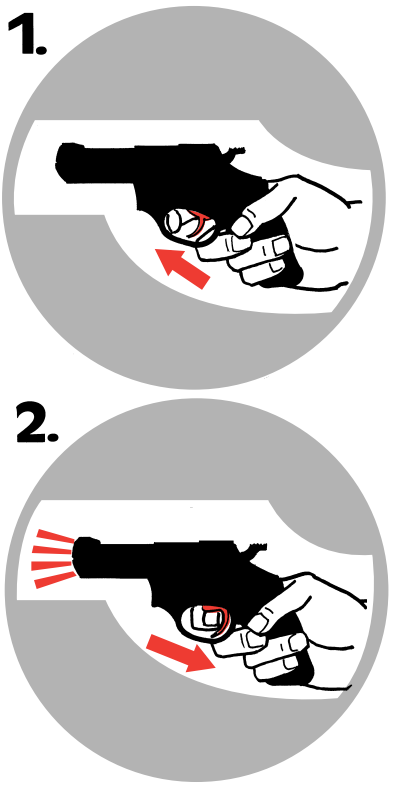
NEVER CLOSE OR OPEN THE CYLINDER WHILE THE HAMMER IS COCKED

2. Insert cartridges and gently close cylinder, making sure it is securely latched. Do not “flip” the cylinder open or shut.

3. The revolver is now ready to fire, either “double-action” by pulling the trigger through its complete arc for each shot, or “single-action” by cocking the hammer and then pulling the trigger for each shot. The trigger pull is somewhat shorter and lighter when the revolver is fired single action, and this is the preferred mode for precise shots or target shooting.

4. DO NOT TOUCH THE TRIGGER UNTIL YOU ARE READY TO FIRE.

CAUTION–DOUBLE ACTION FIRING

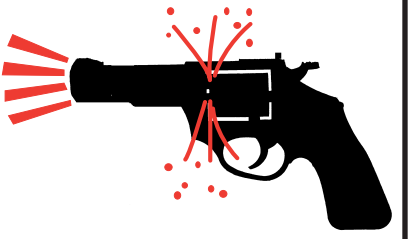


When firing in the double action mode, be sure that the trigger is released completely to its fully forward position before pulling the trigger for a subsequent shot. If the trigger finger is allowed to interfere with the full recovery of the trigger (preventing it from moving through about the last one-eighth inch of its forward movement), the trigger cannot be pulled again for another discharge. The trigger must be fully released after each shot is fired. This characteristic is found in all modern double-action revolvers and “double-action only” pistols.

FULLY RELEASE TRIGGER BETWEEN SHOTS

5. DO NOT HOLD THE REVOLVER BY THE BARREL OR CYLINDER WHEN FIRING.

WARNING–FIRING



When firing the Redhawk revolver, be sure all persons are a safe distance to the rear of the shooter. When fired, all revolvers discharge hot gas and particles of lead, powder grains, or lubricant through the clearance gap between the cylinder and the rear of the barrel at high speed. This can injure a person who is standing too close to the revolver.

When firing the Redhawk revolver (or any revolver), always be certain that nothing – including your hands – is in the path of the hot gas and particles which are discharged from the front and sides of the cylinder.

When shooting, adequate eye protection is essential. Shooters and bystanders must wear shooting glasses. Hearing protection must also be worn. Exposure to shooting noise can damage hearing.

HOT GASES EXIT BARREL/CYLINDER GAP

TO UNCOCK (DECOCK) THE REVOLVER

If your revolver is cocked, and you wish to let the hammer down to its forward position (against the frame), proceed as follows: USE EXTREME CARE WHEN ATTEMPTING TO DECOCK THE REVOLVER, AS THE THUMB SLIPPING DURING THIS PROCESS CAN RESULT IN AN ACCIDENTAL DISCHARGE IF THE TRIGGER IS HELD TO THE REAR.

1. Make certain that the revolver is pointed in a safe direction (See Rule 2, Page 35).
2. Make certain both hands are dry and not impeded in any way – gloves, bandages, cold, etc.
3. Grasp the revolver (if right handed) so that the thumb and forefinger of your left hand are firmly holding the frame, forward of the trigger guard. Thus, your left hand is in full control of the revolver (See Figure 4A, Page 15).
4. Place your right thumb firmly on the hammer spur and, with your thumb securely in control of the hammer, squeeze the trigger only enough to permit the hammer to 'break free' of the trigger. At that instant, IMMEDIATELY RELEASE THE TRIGGER and then slowly permit the hammer, STILL SECURE UNDER YOUR THUMB, to move fully forward to its resting position against the frame. NOTE: It is imperative that finger pressure be removed from the trigger just as soon as it is free of the hammer. Then, properly, the trigger and hammer will move towards their fully forward rest positions together (See Figure 4B, Page 15).

Practice this important gun handling skill with an unloaded revolver until you have developed the proper control and 'touch' to decock your revolver safely. The key to safe decocking is having the weight of the revolver controlled with one hand, while the thumb and forefinger of the 'shooting hand' control the hammer and trigger. Improperly restraining the trigger during this procedure may result in the hammer not resting fully against the frame. If this should occur, carefully repeat the procedure for decocking, steps 1–4 again.

UNCOCKING THE REVOLVER

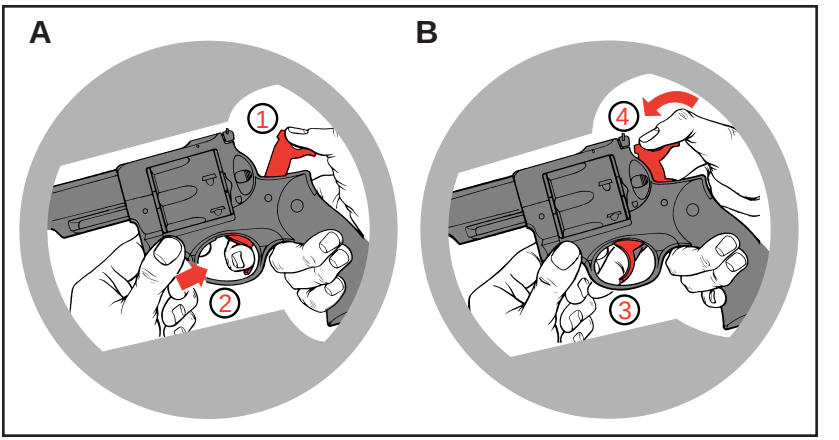


FIGURE 4

A. With the thumb controlling the hammer as shown (1), squeeze trigger to permit hammer to 'break free' (2).

B. When hammer is free, IMMEDIATELY release trigger (3). Then lower hammer slowly to its resting position completely down against frame (4).

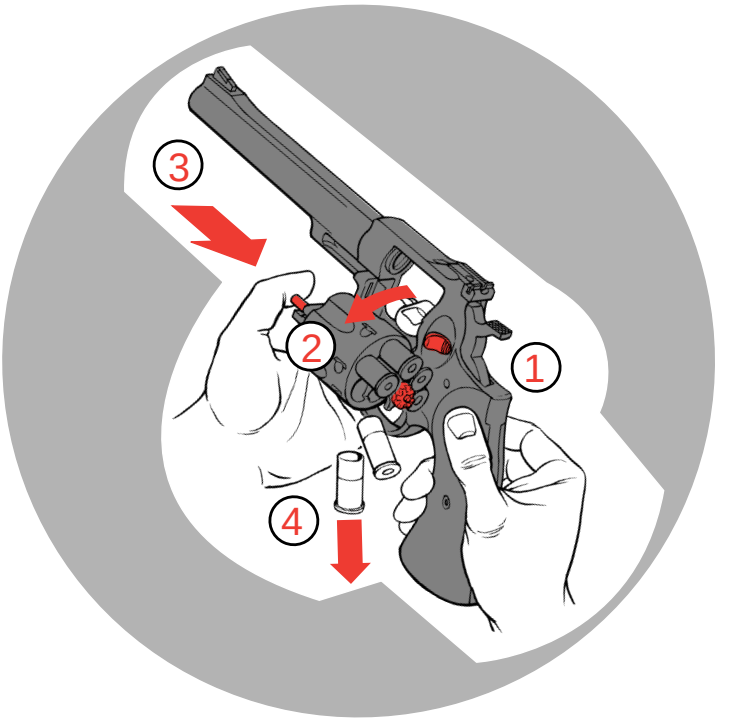
TO UNLOAD OR EJECT CARTRIDGE CASES

KEEP THE REVOLVER POINTED IN A SAFE DIRECTION!
DO NOT ATTEMPT TO UNLOAD WHEN THE HAMMER IS COCKED.

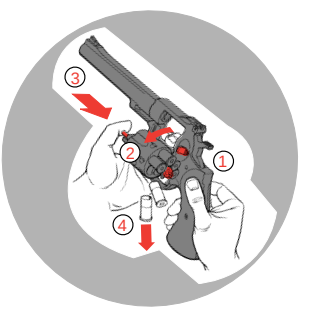
1. Uncock the revolver (See pp. 10 - 11).
2. Press crane latch. Guide cylinder out left of frame as for loading. The revolver now cannot be fired.
3. Push head of ejector rod smartly toward rear of cylinder until it stops. This action will extract cartridges or fired cases. Do not eject live cartridges onto any surface where a primer might strike a solid object and discharge the cartridge.
4. Check to be sure all chambers are empty.

NOTE: When ejecting fired cartridge cases, position the revolver at a high angle so the cases will come fully out of the chambers and not slip under the ejector. This high angle positioning is not necessary when ejecting unfired cartridges.

CORRECT UNLOADING SEQUENCE



⚠ WARNING – DISASSEMBLY



Always unload a firearm before cleaning, lubrication, disassembly or assembly.
Never remove or install a loaded cylinder – it can fire if dropped or struck.

UNLOAD BEFORE CLEANING

DISASSEMBLY

Read instructions before disassembling a gun.

1. BE CERTAIN THE REVOLVER IS UNLOADED BEFORE DISASSEMBLY.

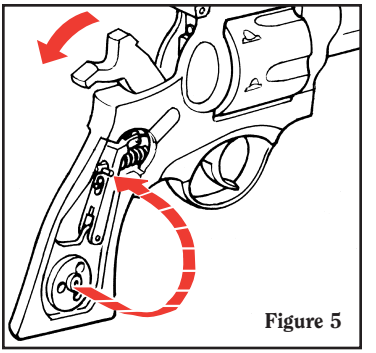


Figure 5

2. Using a properly fitting screwdriver, remove grip screw and lift grip panels from frame.

3. Cock the hammer. Insert disassembly pin about one half its length into the hole at the rear of the mainspring strut. (The disassembly pin is carried in the hole in the grip panel locator). Lacking a disassembly pin, any similar instrument will serve (See Figure 5).

4. With thumb on hammer spur, squeeze trigger allowing hammer to go fully forward. Remove the hammer pivot assembly. With the gun muzzle pointing down, slowly lift the hammer upward and out of the frame (See Figure 7, p. 18). It may be necessary to move the mainspring lever forward in order to cause the hammer link hook to detach from the mainspring lever (See Figure 6 a.). If careful manipulation of the hammer and trigger does not disengage the hook, disengage it with the tip of a jeweler's screwdriver or similar device when the hook is in a near-off position.

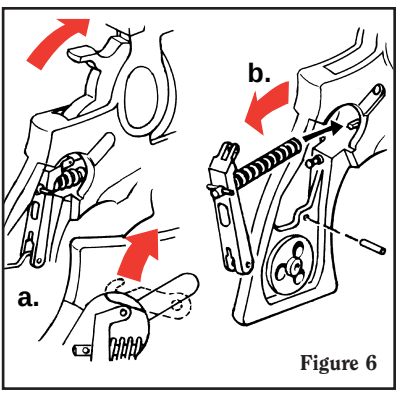
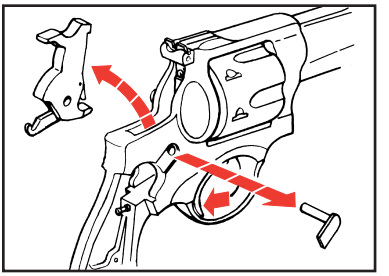


Figure 6

5. Push the lever pivot pin out with a small punch or nail and remove the mainspring lever from the frame with mainspring and strut intact. Removal can best be accomplished by twisting the lever slightly as the assembly is drawn from the frame toward the rear (See Figure 6 b.). CAUTION: *Do not remove disassembly pin at this point! Doing so will permit the mainspring to fly off its strut with great force and may cause injury. The pin is to be removed only after the assembly is correctly installed in the revolver during reassembly.*

6. Pull trigger guard latch to the rear (using mainspring lever) and simultaneously pull trigger guard assembly, intact, out from bottom of frame (See Figure 8).



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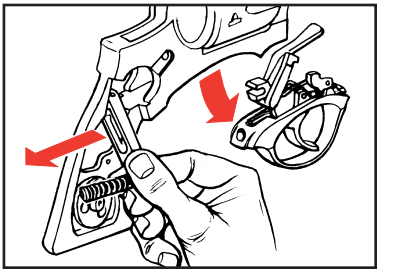


Figure 8

7. Open cylinder and pull cylinder and crane assembly out of frame to the front.

8. Further disassembly is not essential for normal cleaning purposes. Any further disassembly should only be undertaken by factory service personnel.

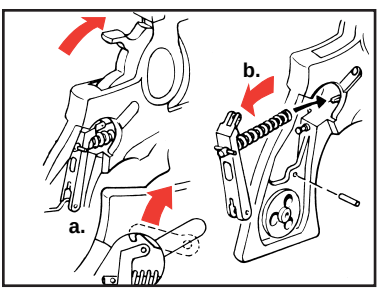
SPECIAL DISASSEMBLY INSTRUCTIONS REVOLVERS NUMBERED BELOW 500-09367

The information below applies only to those revolvers in which the Hammer Link (KH06900) is assembled to the hammer with the link hook pointing downward, as illustrated in Figure 10 below.

If your revolver has a hammer link with the hook-opening pointing downward, follow the Disassembly instructions only through the first sentence of numbered paragraph 4 on page 17 At that stage of disassembly (with the hammer forward) proceed as follows:

1. Unlatch the hook of the hammer link from the top end of the mainspring lever (See Figure 9 a., below).

2. With the trigger pulled, remove the hammer pivot assembly and hammer (See Figure 10). At this stage of disassembly, return to the Disassembly instructions on page 13 and pick up with numbered paragraph 5.



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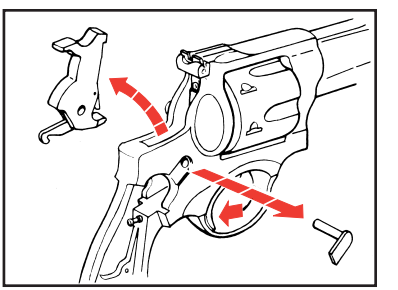


Figure 10

NOTE: For improved performance the Hammer Link *should* be assembled to the hammer with the hook-opening positioned upward (towards the hammer).

A gun owner can readily change the hammer link to the 'pointing upward' position. Use proper size punch to drive out the hammer cross pin. Remove the hammer link and reposition it. Then, carefully hammer in the cross pin *so that it is flush* with both sides of the hammer. The pin must not protrude from either side!

For those who would prefer the link to be repositioned by the factory, send the hammer *only* via Insured Mail to the Newport, New Hampshire Service Department. Attach a tag to the hammer showing your name and address and the words "Please reverse link".

REASSEMBLY

AGAIN, BE CERTAIN REVOLVER IS UNLOADED!

Before starting reassembly, be certain that all components and the inside of the frame are thoroughly clean. In particular the tongue on the front of the trigger guard and its mating recess in the frame must be completely clean.

1. Replace cylinder and crane assembly in frame and close cylinder.
2. Hook front of trigger guard into recess in frame (See Figure 11). Align pawl in its recess in the frame and be sure transfer bar is in correct position in rear of firing pin (See Figure 12). Using mainspring lever, withdraw trigger guard latch and swing trigger guard into position in frame. Then allow latch to re-engage. If solid resistance is felt when swinging trigger guard into frame, or if trigger guard will not lock into position, re-check position of pawl and transfer-bar (See Figure 12).

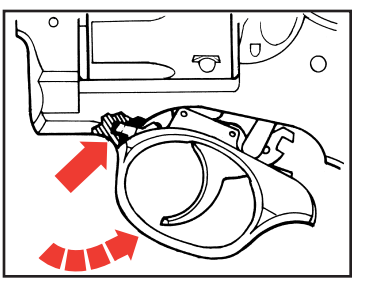


Figure 11

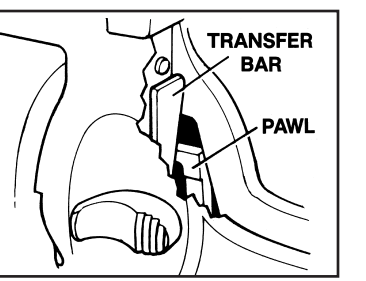


Figure 12

NOTE: *At this point in reassembly trigger should function to rotate and lock the cylinder. Pull the trigger a few times, returning it to its forward position by hand, to check proper functioning, as always with the revolver pointed in a safe direction.*

3. With the trigger forward, replace mainspring lever with mainspring and strut into frame. *Be sure that the front end of the mainspring strut is properly positioned on the trigger link at the rear of the trigger* (positioning can be seen by looking down through hammer slot). Then replace lever pivot pin (See Figure 13).

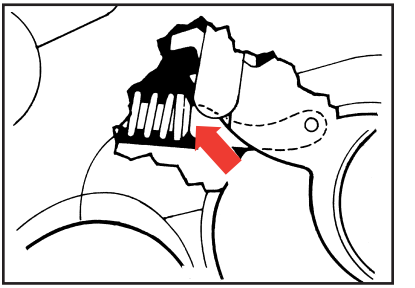


Figure 13

4. With trigger in rearward position, and gun muzzle pointing upward, slowly insert hammer into frame, paying close attention to the position of the hook on the hammer link. The mainspring lever should be forward to allow space for the hook to engage the pin in the mainspring lever. If the hook does not engage the pin, use a jeweler's screwdriver or similar tool to accomplish the connection.

5. Squeeze trigger and lower the hammer into position. (See Figure 14. It shows the hook correctly engaged.) Align the hammer hole with the hole in the frame and insert the hammer pivot.

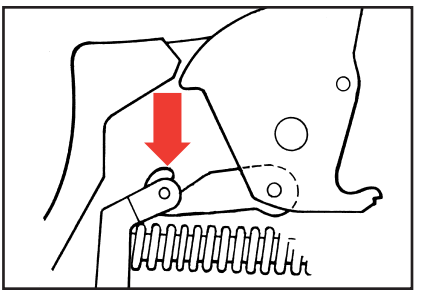


Figure 14

6. Cock the hammer and remove disassembly pin from rear end of mainspring strut. Replace disassembly pin into hole in grip panel locator. Uncock the revolver.

7. Replace grip panels and grip screw.

8. Open and close cylinder. Function the trigger and hammer single action and double action to be certain that all parts are working properly.

CARE AND CLEANING

ALWAYS BE CERTAIN THE REVOLVER IS UNLOADED BEFORE CLEANING.

The internal mechanism of the Redhawk revolver can be lubricated without disassembly. A few drops of light oil recommended as suitable for firearms, applied periodically about the various frame openings, will work its way into the mechanism parts. The exterior of the revolver and the bore and chambers should be thoroughly cleaned and then wiped with an oily cloth if the gun is to be stored. Do not apply excess lubrication.

To clean the revolver after firing, swing the cylinder out and clean the barrel from the muzzle by running a cleaning rod with a solvent coated patch through the bore several times. A bronze wire brush (of correct size for gun caliber) attached to the cleaning rod should then be pushed the full length of the bore several times. Again swab the bore with a solvent coated patch. Then wipe the rod clean and, using a dry patch, swab the bore until it is clean. Examine the bore to be sure that no fouling remains. Repeat the above procedure for each of the six chambers.

Chambers must be thoroughly scrubbed to remove build-up of bullet metal and firing residue. A dirty chamber can prevent full seating of a cartridge, which in turn causes the cylinder to bind. DO NOT APPLY EXCESSIVE OIL TO UNDERSIDE OF EJECTOR – AREA SHOULD BE WIPED DRY WITH OILY CLOTH. Also, the underside of the ejector ('star') and the area of the cylinder where the ejector seats, must be clean. Dirt can prevent the ejector from fully seating. That condition can cause hard closing of the cylinder and interfere with proper cylinder rotation.

WARNING – LUBRICATION

Firing a revolver with oil, grease, or any other material even partially obstructing the bore may result in damage to the revolver and serious injury to the shooter and those nearby.

Do not spray or apply lubricants directly on ammunition. If the powder charge of a cartridge is affected by the lubricant, it may not be ignited, but the energy from the primer may be sufficient to push the bullet into the bore where it may become lodged. Firing a subsequent bullet into the obstructed bore may damage the revolver and cause serious injury or death to the shooter and those nearby. Use lubricants properly. You are responsible for the proper care and maintenance of your firearms.

IMPROPER LUBRICATION DESTROYS GUNS

If lead bullet loads are fired extensively, lead build-up may cause cylinder binding. Lubricate the cylinder crane gap with Break-Free® CLP or some other lubrication which meets mil. spec. Mil-1-63460 to prevent this condition.

STORAGE

GUNS SHOULD NOT BE STORED LOADED!

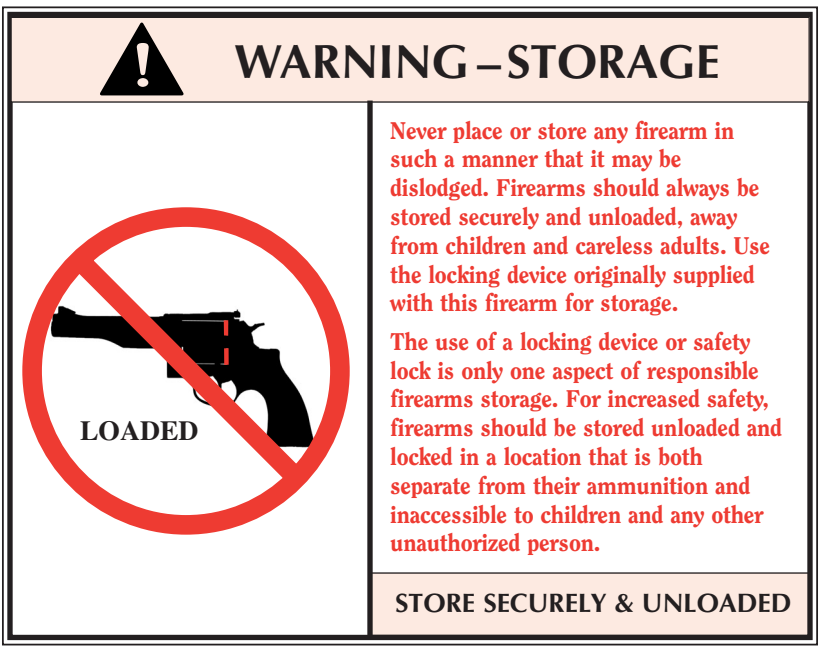
USE THE LOCKING DEVICE SUPPLIED WITH THE REVOLVER FOR STORAGE.
(See Page 6)

Do not keep your revolver in a leather, fabric or canvas holster when it is stored. These materials attract moisture, even though the holster may appear to be perfectly dry.

TO RENDER THE REVOLVER INOPERATIVE FOR SAFE STORAGE

With the muzzle pointed in a safe direction, press the cylinder latch and swing the cylinder outward. Check to be sure that each chamber is completely unloaded! With a coin or screwdriver, unscrew the grip panels and remove the grips. Cock the hammer and then insert the disassembly pin into the hole at the bottom of the mainspring strut. Uncock the hammer, remove the hammer strut from the frame, remove the hammer pivot from the frame, and lift the hammer out of the top of the frame. Use a screwdriver to depress the trigger housing latch and remove the trigger assembly from the bottom of the frame.

Store the hammer and the trigger assembly in different locations from the frame. When disassembled in this manner, the revolver is inoperable. It is impossible to fire the revolver until the trigger assembly and the hammer have been correctly reassembled into the frame.


WARNING – STORAGE
LOADED
Never place or store any firearm in such a manner that it may be dislodged. Firearms should always be stored securely and unloaded, away from children and careless adults. Use the locking device originally supplied with this firearm for storage.
The use of a locking device or safety lock is only one aspect of responsible firearms storage. For increased safety, firearms should be stored unloaded and locked in a location that is both separate from their ammunition and inaccessible to children and any other unauthorized person.
STORE SECURELY & UNLOADED

To reassemble the revolver for firing, carefully reinsert the trigger housing into the frame. Place the hammer into the top of the frame, and reinsert the hammer pivot pin. Cock the hammer, reinstall the mainspring strut, and remove the

disassembly pin from the mainspring strut. Lower the hammer and replace the grips on the revolver. The revolver is now reassembled and can be loaded and fired normally.

While the revolver is less likely to be used by unauthorized persons when disassembled in the above manner, it is always safest to store a firearm with the supplied locking device correctly installed, or to store the firearm in a gun safe or other secure location, away from children and unauthorized adults. Guns should always be stored securely, unloaded and separate from their ammunition.

CARE OF STAINLESS STEEL REVOLVERS

Revolvers made of stainless steel are more resistant to corrosion than blued steel revolvers. However, in the interest of proper operation and long life of your revolver, inspect it frequently and clean, lubricate and apply an appropriate rust preventative.

Sometimes surface discoloration may be noted, particularly in the grip area of stainless steel revolvers, resulting from perspiration. Contact with some types of holsters can also cause stains or rusting. Rusting may also occur as a result of the revolver being exposed to moisture, humidity, salt air or chemicals.

Minor discoloration can usually be removed by rubbing the stained area with an abrasive ink eraser, crocus cloth, or a “metal polishing” compound. When using any of these abrasives, proceed with care and use light pressure to achieve a blending of ‘color’ with those areas that are not discolored.

External surfaces of the barrel, frame and cylinder should be cleaned and wiped dry after use or after exposure to adverse conditions. If the revolver is to be stored, coat it with a light film of oil or preservative. Where the revolver is in continuing use, and the presence of oil or grease would be objectionable, then the external surface can be coated (after cleaning and drying) with a paste wax formulated for use on metals. Apply the wax sparingly, allow time for it to dry hard, then buff lightly with a soft cloth. When applying the wax, take care that it does not get into the mechanism or on the functioning parts such as the hammer, trigger, crane latch, etc. A properly applied hard wax coating will not interfere with gun handling and it will provide a measure of protection.

ATTACHING RUGER SCOPE RINGS

On the underside of each mounting ring assembly there is a locating “tab”. By reference to this “tab”, the mounting ring can be assembled to the scope so that the tab will fit correctly into the recess on the top of the barrel.

Disassemble one ring and reassemble over the scope body between the turret and the eyepiece so that the clamp nut (D-73) is positioned to the left of the scope.

Install the four top screws. Do not tighten.

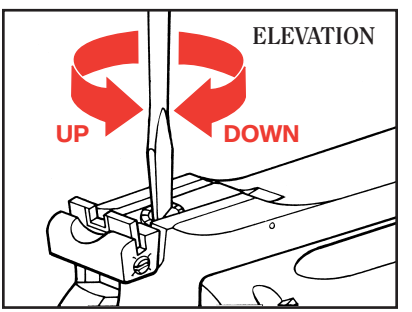
Disassemble the other ring and install it on the forward section of the scope tube with the clamp nut positioned to the left of the scope. Install the four top screws. Again, do not tighten.

Assemble the rings to the barrel with the locating "tabs" engaging the recesses in the top surface of the barrel. Tighten the clamp nuts so that the rings are locked to the semi-circular cuts on the sides of the barrel. Rotate the scope until crosshairs are aligned properly, and slide scope to desired eye relief.

Then tighten the eight top screws a bit at a time to grip the scope body. Sight in according to the direction with your scope.

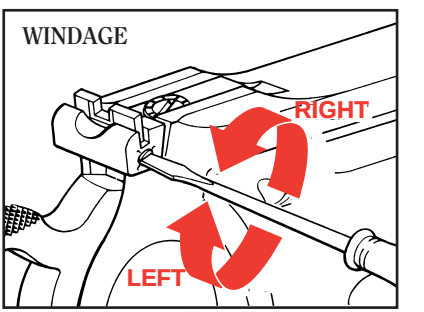
SIGHTS

The Redhawk revolver is provided with an insert front sight. To change the front sight, depress the spring-loaded plunger in the front of the barrel rib with a small punch and lift rear of sight blade. The adjustable rear sight has a white outline blade. Each click of the rear sight adjustment screws (either windage or elevation) will move the point of impact of the bullet approximately 3/4" at a distance of 25 yards. Move the rear sight in the direction you desire the bullet to move on the target. The suggested sight picture is shown below. See "Attaching Ruger Scope Rings", p. 23.



To raise point of impact: turn screw counterclockwise.

To lower point of impact: turn screw clockwise.

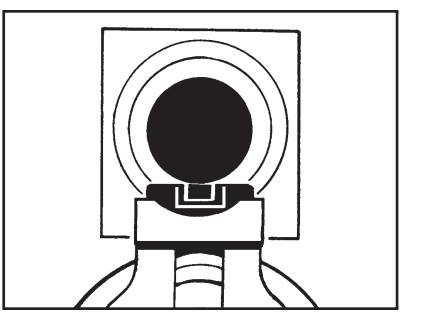


To move the point of impact to the right: turn screw counterclockwise.

To move the point of impact to the left: turn screw clockwise.

SUGGESTED SIGHT PICTURE

Top of front sight even with top of rear sight blade.
Front sight centered in notch of rear sight blade. Target bullseye centered on top of front sight.



SERVICE AND PARTS POLICY

If you have any questions with regard to the performance of your ***RUGER®*** ***REDHAWK*** revolver please write or call (603-865-2442) our Product Service Department in Newport, New Hampshire 03773, fully describing all circumstances and conditions involved. If you should return your rifle to the factory for repair, or order parts for it, please comply with the following suggestions for prompt service:

WARNING–BEFORE SHIPPING ANY FIREARM, BE ABSOLUTELY CERTAIN THAT IT AND ITS CYLINDER ARE UNLOADED. DO NOT SHIP CARTRIDGES WITH A FIREARM.

SHIPPING FIREARMS FOR REPAIR

RUGER® REDHAWK revolvers returned to the factory for repair should be sent to: Sturm, Ruger & Company, Inc., Product Service Department, 411 Sunapee St., Newport, New Hampshire 03773. Telephone (603) 865-2442.

Guns should be sent prepaid. We will not accept collect shipments.

The Federal Gun Control Act, as well as the laws of most States and localities, do not prohibit an individual (who is not otherwise barred from purchasing or possessing a firearm) from shipping a firearm directly to the manufacturer for repair. However, before you ship your rifle to us, be certain that your State or locality does not have a law or regulation which will prohibit you from receiving the rifle from us after it has been repaired. If such receiving is prohibited, then please have a Federally Licensed firearms dealer ship the gun to us. If your rifle is sent to us by a dealer, it will be returned to him after being repaired. If a handgun (pistol or revolver) is shipped by an individual who does not hold a Federal Firearms License, it must be shipped via U.P.S. (Next Day Air) Persons who do not hold a Federal Firearms License are prohibited by Federal law from shipping a handgun by Mail. Handguns mailed in violation of the law are impounded by the Post Office.

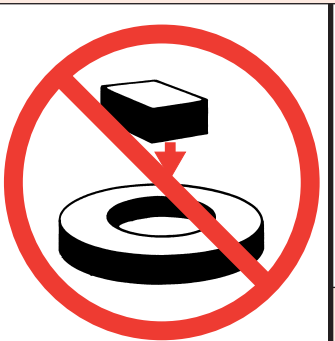
DO NOT SEND GUN BOXES OR LITERATURE THAT YOU CONSIDER TO BE COLLECTOR'S ITEMS – THESE ARE INVARIABLY DAMAGED OR DESTROYED IN SHIPMENT. Please do not include holster, grip panels, or other accessories with a firearm being shipped to the factory for service. Rifles and shotguns may be shipped via Parcel Post. Always insure your shipment.

Enclose a letter which includes your name, address, telephone number, serial number and model of the firearm. Describe in detail the trouble you have experienced with your firearm, or the work you wish to have done. Merely stating that the firearm "needs repair" is inadequate information.

State precisely what is wrong. Please enclose copies of any previous correspondence.

Work performed will bear a net minimum labor charge of $20.00 plus a $20.00 shipping and handling charge. The charge for rebluing the ***RUGER® REDHAWK*** revolver is $50.00 plus a $20.00 shipping and handling charge. Custom gunsmithing service or nonstandard alterations are NOT AVAILABLE from Ruger Product Service Departments.

WARNING – PARTS PURCHASERS



It is the purchaser's responsibility to be absolutely certain that any parts ordered from the factory are correctly fitted and installed. Firearms are complicated mechanisms and IMPROPER FITTING OF PARTS MAY RESULT IN A DANGEROUS MALFUNCTION, DAMAGE TO THE FIREARM, AND SERIOUS INJURY TO THE SHOOTER AND OTHER PERSONS. The purchaser and installer of parts must accept full responsibility for the correct adjustment and functioning of the revolver after such installation.

PARTS MUST FIT CORRECTLY

ORDERING PARTS

Please contact the New Hampshire Product Service Department for parts availability and current prices. All parts orders for the ***RUGER® REDHAWK*** revolvers should be sent to: Sturm, Ruger & Co., Inc., Product Service Department, 411 Sunapee Street, Newport, New Hampshire 03773, 603-865-2442. We cannot comply with open account or C.O.D. orders. Payment in the form of a check, money order, Visa or Mastercard must accompany your order. Credit Card orders must include the account number, expiration date and whether it is a Visa or Mastercard account. Minimum parts order is $1.00 plus $3.50 shipping and handling charge. Order parts by Part Name and Part Number and include the entire serial number of the firearm for which the parts are being ordered.

There is a minimum net labor charge of $20.00 plus $20.00 shipping and handling charge if the parts are factory fitted. All factory fitted parts are fit on an exchange basis only. We will not return the replaced parts.

Barrels, cylinders, cylinder/crane assemblies and a number of other component parts must be fitted at the factory. Company policy is to proof-test and/or function fire all barrels after fitting to the receivers in which they are to be used. This procedure ensures maximum protection to our customers. The special proof-test ammunition used in this testing is sold only to bonafide firearms manufacturers and is not available to gun shops, gunsmiths, or individuals.

Because it is a serial numbered part, the frame of the ***RUGER®*** ***REDHAWK*** revolver is defined as a 'firearm' by Federal Law and is not offered for sale as a component part.

Parts designated by an asterisk (*) must be factory fitted. These parts are fitted on an exchange basis only. We will not return the replaced parts. We will not return any part that is broken, malfunctioning, badly worn or has been modified. See "Warning – Parts Purchasers" below.

NOTE: The Hammer Pivot Assembly (Part No. H01600 or KH01600) tab fits into a mortise on the right side of the frame of most of the Redhawk revolvers. However, during a change in production processing of frames in 1983, several thousand frames were made with the mortise on the left side of the frame. A Redhawk revolver having the mortise on the left side of the frame is in all other respects the same as the version which has the mortise in the right side.

CAUTION: A gun containing modified, broken, malfunctioning, or badly worn parts should not be fired.

RUGER® REDHAWK®

PARTS LIST

Design, prices and specifications subject to change without notice.
SPECIFY MODEL AND CALIBER WHEN ORDERING
(See Exploded View on Page 33.)

	Part Name	Part No.	Model
*	Barrel 7 1/2”	H00600	.41 & .44 Mag. cal. - Blued Models
*	Barrel 7 1/2”	KH00600	.41 & .44 Mag. cal. - Stainless Models
*	Barrel, 5 1/2”	H00603	.41 & .44 Mag. cal. - Blued Models
*	Barrel, 5 1/2”	KH00603	.41 & .44 Mag. cal. - Stainless Models
*	Barrel, 7 1/2” (See NOTE A)	H00605	.41 & .44 Mag. cal. - Blued Models
*	Barrel, 7 1/2” (See NOTE A)	KH00605	.41 & .44 Mag. cal. - Stainless Models
*	Barrel 7 1/2”	KH00630	.45 LC cal.
*	Barrel, 5 1/2”	KH00633	.45 LC cal.
*	Barrel, 7 1/2” (See NOTE A)	KH00635	.45 LC cal.
	Case - 5 1/2” bbls., with lock	RGC-M	All Redhawk Models
	Case - 7 1/2” bbls., with lock	RGC-L	All Redhawk Models
	Center Pin Lock	KE-53	All Redhawk Models
	Center Pin Rod	KH05400	All Redhawk Models
	Center Pin Spring	KE-34	All Redhawk Models
*	Crane and Crane/Pivot Assy.	H00800A	All Blued Models

NOTE A: The wide rib barrel, on which Ruger Scope Rings can be mounted, can be factory fitted to any .41 Mag. , .44 Mag. or .45LC Redhawk revolver. The charges are as follows: Cost of barrel, plus labor to fit ($20.00), plus refinishing charge ($50.00). To that must be added the cost of the Scope Rings. Barrels on Redhawk revolvers that do not have the cuts for the Scope Rings cannot be altered to accomodate the Ruger Rings.

	Part Name	Part No.	Model
*	Crane and Crane/Pivot Assy.	KH00800A	All Stainless Models
*	Crane Latch	H00900	All Blued Models
*	Crane Latch	KH00900C	All Stainless Models
*	Crane Latch Pivot	KH02700	All Redhawk Models
	Crane Latch Spring	KE-57	All Redhawk Models
	Crane Latch Spring Plunger	KH05100	All Redhawk Models
*	Crane Pivot Lock Plunger	KH06700	All Redhawk Models
*	Crane Pivot Lock Spring	KH07600	All Redhawk Models
*	Cylinder	H00100C	.41 & .44 Mag. cal. - Blued Models
*	Cylinder	KH00100C	.41 & .44 Mag. cal. - Stainless Models
*	Cylinder	KH00103	.45 LC cal.
	Cylinder Latch	KH04504	All Redhawk Models
	Cylinder Latch Pivot	KH01400	All Redhawk Models
	Cylinder Latch Plunger & Spring Assembly	KE-51A	All Redhawk Models
	Cylinder Latch Plunger	KE-51	All Redhawk Models
	Cylinder Latch Spring	KH05000	All Redhawk Models
*	Cylinder Retaining Ball (2 Req'd.)	KE03000	All Redhawk Models
	Disassembly Pin	KH07300	All Redhawk Models
*	Ejector	H01800	.41 & .44 Mag. cal. - Blued Models
*	Ejector	KH01800	.41 & .44 Mag. cal. - Stainless Models
*	Ejector	KH01803	.45 LC cal.
*	Ejector Alignment Pins (2 Req'd.)	KE-35	All Redhawk Models
*	Ejector Retainer	KH02400	All Redhawk Models
	Ejector Rod	H02300	All Blued Models
	Ejector Rod	KH02300	All Stainless Models
	Ejector Spring	KE-25	All Redhawk Models
*	Firing Pin	KH02100	All Redhawk Models

	Part Name	Part No.	Model
	Firing Pin Rebound Spring	KE-48	All Redhawk Models
	Front Latch	KH03100	All Redhawk Models
	Front Latch Pivot Lock	KH07500	All Redhawk Models
	Front Latch Pivot Lock Spring	KH07700	All Redhawk Models
	Front Latch Pivot Pin	H05600	All Blued Models
	Front Latch Pivot Pin	KH05600	All Stainless Models
	Front Latch Spring	KE-57	All Redhawk Models
	Front Latch Spring Plunger	KH06800	All Redhawk Models
	Front Sight, Red Insert	H03600	All Redhawk Models
	Front Sight, No Insert	H03602	All Redhawk Models
	Front Sight with Gold Bead,	GBVR	All Redhawk Models
	Rear Sight Blade with Deep "V", Sold in Sets Only		
	Front Sights, Solid Colors,	R4S	All Redhawk Models
	Light Blue, Florescent Orange, Ivory & Yellow, Sold in Sets Only		
	Front Sight Plunger	H07900	All Blued Models
	Front Sight Plunger	KH07900	All Stainless Models
	Front Sight Plunger Spring	KH08000	All Redhawk Models
	Grip Panels,	H01000	All Redhawk Models
	Sold in Pairs Only, Medallion & Boss Included		
	Grip Panel Ferrule, Right	E-11	All Redhawk Models
	Grip Panel Ferrule, Left	E-12	All Redhawk Models
	Grip Panel Locator	H03300	All Redhawk Models
	Grip Panel Screw	KE-13	All Redhawk Models
*	Hammer Assembly	KH04000A	All Redhawk Models
	(w/Dog, Pin, Spring & Plunger)		
	Hammer Cross Pin	KH06400	All Redhawk Models
*	Hammer Dog	KH01900	All Redhawk Models

	Part Name	Part No.	Model
	Hammer Dog Pivot Pin	KE-22	All Redhawk Models
	Hammer Dog Spring	KE-57	All Redhawk Models
	Hammer Dog Spring Plunger	KH05100	All Redhawk Models
	Hammer Link	KH06900	All Redhawk Models
	Hammer Pivot Assembly	H01600	All Blued Models
	Hammer Pivot Assembly	KH01600	All Stainless Models
	Hammer Strut	KH01500	All Redhawk Models
	Hammer Strut Mainspring	H00400	All Redhawk Models
*	Mainspring Lever	KH00500	All Redhawk Models
	Mainspring Lever Cross Pin	KH07400	All Redhawk Models
	Mainspring Lever Pivot Pin	KH06300	All Redhawk Models
	Pawl	KH00700	All Redhawk Models
	Pawl Plunger	KH05100	All Redhawk Models
	Pawl Plunger Spring	KH05000	All Redhawk Model
	Rear Sight Assembly, Complete	H05900D	All Redhawk Models
	Rear Sight Base Assembly	MR15900C	All Redhawk Models
	Rear Sight Blade (White Outline Notch)	E05904A-A	All Redhawk Models
	Rear Sight Elevation Screw	MR05902	All Redhawk Models
	Rear Sight Elevation Spring (2 Req'd.)	MR05906	All Redhawk Models
	Rear Sight Cross Pin	MR05600	All Blued Models
	Rear Sight Cross Pin	KMR05600	All Stainless Models
	Rear Sight Windage Adjustment Screw	E05903	All Redhawk Models
	Rear Sight Windage Spring	MR05907	All Redhawk Models
	Recoil Plate	MR02000	All Blued Models
	Recoil Plate	KMR02000	All Stainless Models
	Recoil Plate Cross Pin	H04900	All Blued Models
	Recoil Plate Cross Pin	KH04900	All Stainless Models

	Part Name	Part No.	Model
	Scope Ring Torx® Head Screw	MPF07602	For barrels with scope ring cuts - See Note A page 28.
	Scope Ring Assembly, medium rings - blued	S100RM	For barrels with scope ring cuts - See Note A page 28.
	Scope Ring Assembly, medium rings - stainless	KS100RM	For barrels with scope ring cuts - See Note A page 28.
	Scope Ring Clamp, Not Illustrated	D-74	For barrels with scope ring cuts - See Note A page 28.
	Scope Ring Nut	D-73	For barrels with scope ring cuts - See Note A page 28.
	Scope Ring Screw (8 Req'd.)	D-76	For barrels with scope ring cuts - See Note A page 28.
	Torx® Key Wrench, Not Illustrated (for Scope Ring Torx® Head Screw)	MPF07601	
	Transfer Bar	KH01700	All Redhawk Models
*	Trigger Assembly	KH03900C	All Redhawk Models
*	Trigger Guard	H00300	All Blued Models
*	Trigger Guard	KH00300	All Stainless Models
	Trigger Guard Latch	KH04600	All Redhawk Models
	Trigger Guard Latch Retaining Pin	KH05500	All Redhawk Models
	Trigger Guard Latch Spring	KE-38	All Redhawk Models
	Trigger Link	KH07100	All Redhawk Models
	Trigger Link Pin	KH06400	All Redhawk Models
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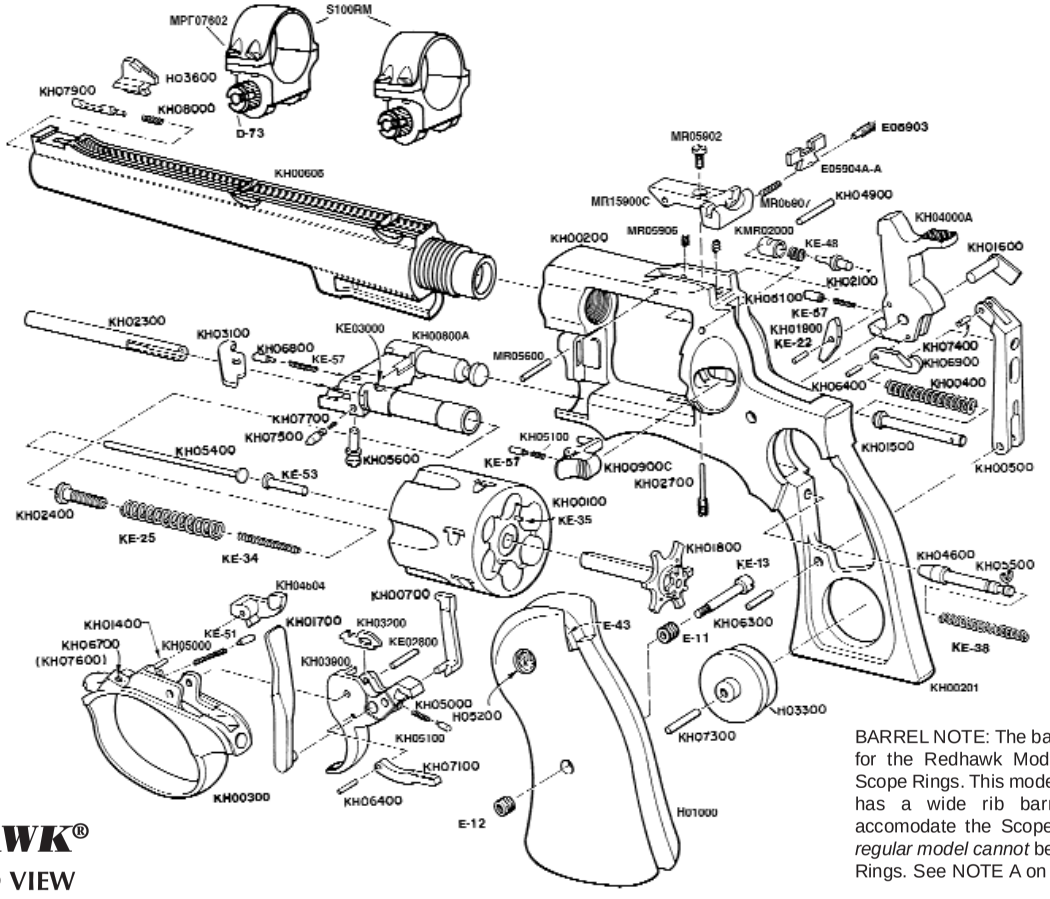
* PARTS SO MARKED MUST BE FACTORY FITTED



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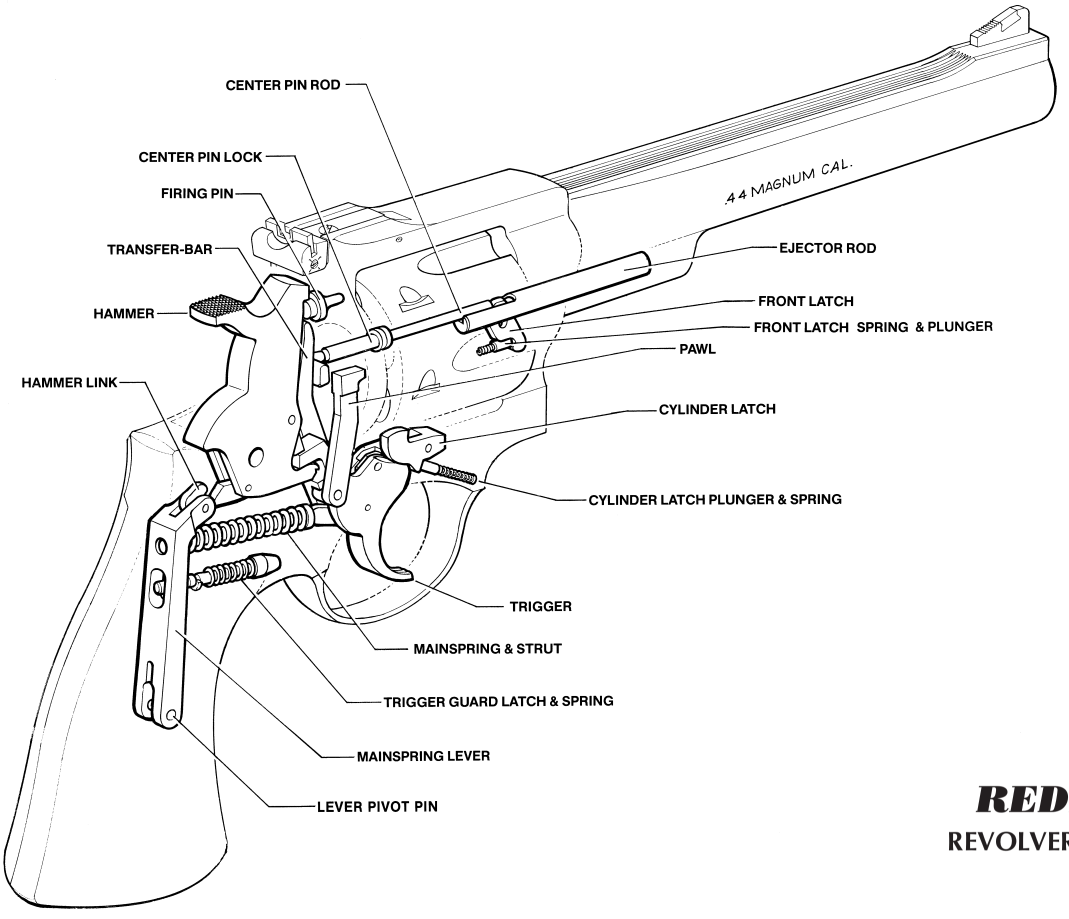
EXPLODED VIEW

BARREL NOTE: The barrel shown in this drawing is for the Redhawk Model that comes with Ruger Scope Rings. This model barrel (Part No. KH00605) has a wide rib barrel with special cuts to accomodate the Scope Rings. The barrel on the *regular model cannot* be modified to take the Scope Rings. See NOTE A on page 28.



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REVOLVER MECHANISM

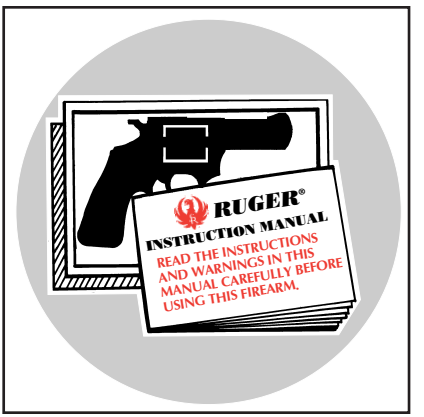
THE BASIC RULES OF SAFE FIREARMS HANDLING

We believe that Americans have a right to purchase and use firearms for lawful purposes. The private ownership of firearms in America is traditional, but that ownership imposes the responsibility on the gun owner to use his firearms in a way which will ensure his own safety and that of others. When firearms are used in a safe and responsible manner, they are a great source of pleasure and satisfaction, and represent a fundamental part of our personal liberty.

Firearms do not cause accidents! Firearms accidents are almost always found to have been the result of carelessness, or ignorance on the part of the shooter of the basic rules of safe gun handling.

The following rules must be observed by gun users at all times. Safe gun handling is not just desirable, it is absolutely essential to your safety, the safety of others, and the continuation of gun ownership and sport shooting as we know it today.

1. LEARN THE MECHANICAL AND HANDLING CHARACTERISTICS OF THE FIREARM YOU ARE USING.



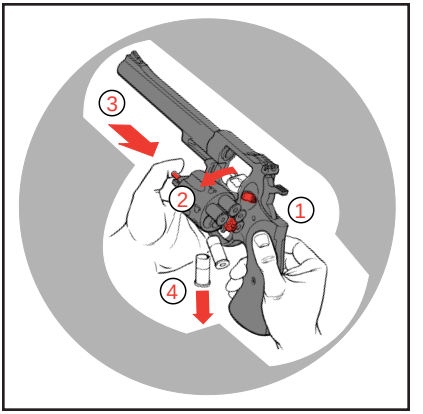
Not all firearms are the same. The method of carrying and handling firearms varies in accordance with the mechanical provisions for avoiding accidental discharge and the various proper procedures for loading and unloading. No person should handle any firearm without first having thoroughly familiarized himself with the particular type of firearm he is using, and with safe gun handling in general.

2. ALWAYS KEEP THE MUZZLE POINTED IN A SAFE DIRECTION.

Be sure of the bullet stop behind your target, even when dry-firing. Never let the muzzle of a firearm point at any part of your body or at another person. This is particularly important when loading or unloading a firearm. In the event of an accidental discharge, no injury can occur as long as the muzzle is pointing in a safe direction. A safe direction means a direction which will not permit a discharged bullet to strike a person, or to strike an object from which the bullet may ricochet.

A safe direction must take into account the fact that a bullet may penetrate a wall, ceiling, floor, window, etc., and strike a person or damage property. Make it a habit to know exactly where the muzzle of your gun is pointing whenever you handle it, and be sure that you are always in control of the direction in which the muzzle is pointing, even if you fall or stumble. Keep your finger off the trigger until you are ready to shoot.

3. FIREARMS SHOULD BE UNLOADED WHEN NOT IN USE.



Firearms should be loaded only when you are in the field or on the target range or shooting area, ready to shoot. Firearms and ammunition should be securely locked in safes, racks or cabinets, or by using the locking device supplied with the firearm, when not in use. Ammunition should safely be stored separate from firearms. Store your firearms out of sight of visitors and children. It is the gun owner's responsibility to be certain that children and persons unfamiliar with firearms cannot gain access to firearms, ammunition, or components.

4. BE SURE THE BARREL IS CLEAR OF OBSTRUCTIONS BEFORE SHOOTING.

Even a bit of mud, snow or excess lubricating oil or grease in the bore may cause the barrel to bulge, or even burst on firing, and can cause serious injury to the shooter and bystanders. Be sure that you are using ammunition of the proper caliber and loading for the gun you are using. If the report or recoil on firing seems weak, or doesn't seem quite right, CEASE FIRING IMMEDIATELY, unload your firearm, and check to be sure that no obstruction has become lodged in the barrel.

5. BE SURE OF YOUR TARGET BEFORE YOU SHOOT.

Don't shoot unless you know exactly where your bullet is going to strike. Be sure of the bullet stop behind your target, even when dry-firing with an unloaded gun. If you are in the field hunting, do not fire at a movement or noise. Take the time to be absolutely certain of your target before you pull the trigger.

6. WEAR SHOOTING GLASSES AND HEARING PROTECTORS WHEN YOU SHOOT.

All shooters should wear protective shooting glasses and adequate hearing protectors when shooting. Exposure to shooting noise can damage hearing, and adequate eye protection when shooting is essential.

7. NEVER CLIMB A TREE OR FENCE WITH A LOADED FIREARM.

Put the firearm down carefully before climbing a fence, and unload it before climbing or descending a tree or jumping over a ditch or other obstruction. Never pull or push a loaded firearm toward yourself or another person. When in doubt, or whenever you are about to do anything awkward, unload your gun!

8. DON'T SHOOT AT A HARD SURFACE, OR AT WATER.

Bullets can glance off many surfaces like rocks or the surface of water and travel in unpredictable directions with considerable velocity.

9. NEVER TRANSPORT A LOADED FIREARM.

Firearms should always be unloaded before being placed in a vehicle. A suitable carrying case or scabbard should by used to carry an unloaded firearm to and from the shooting area.

10. AVOID ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES WHEN SHOOTING.

Don't drink until the day's shooting is over. Handling firearms while under the influence of alcohol in any form, or medications that could affect your judgment or co-ordination, constitutes a criminal disregard for the safety of others.

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Sturm, Ruger & Company, in this relatively short time, has established itself as a leading small arms design organization, developing a unique and broad line of fine quality sporting, military and police firearms to become one of the world's most famous producers of revolvers, pistols, rifles and shotguns. Since 1949 Ruger craftsmen have built many millions of firearms.

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Today, Sturm, Ruger & Company is particularly mindful of those elements which have contributed to the creation of its success, and extends heartfelt thanks to its many loyal employees and customers.

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